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Excise Police Issue 97 Tickets During IU-Ball State Football Game

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 97 summonses during Indiana University's game against Ball State University Saturday.

At one point during the game, the Red Lot tailgating area near 17th Street and Woodlawn Avenue became out of control. More than 100 bottles, cans, cups and other objects were thrown through the air. Some of the yelling indicated fans from IU and BSU were throwing these objects at each other. Several people were also observed fighting in the same area. Police from several departments intervened by dispersing tailgaters from that area to prevent injuries.

Most summonses were for illegal consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages. The following is a list of the charges:

- *78 minors were charged with illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- *Seven minors were charged with possession of false identification.
- *Five people were arrested for public intoxication.
- *Three people were arrested for false informing.
- *One person was arrested for intimidation as a class D felony.
- *One adult was cited for aiding or inducing a minor to possess alcohol.
- *One person was arrested for resisting law enforcement.
- *One juvenile was issued a ticket for possession of tobacco.

"Saturday's tailgating crowd was the most out of control we have seen in several years," Officer Travis Thickstun said. "Excise police will continue strict enforcement of Indiana law at football games. It should be abundantly clear by now that someone breaking the law is subject to being ticketed or arrested."

As of the time of this media release, excise officers were still patrolling the areas around IU.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they primarily focus on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.